coming not only from different parts of the country but from ail over the world to Ajmer; if so, how Government plan to facilitate such pilgrims to reach Ajmer more comfortably and in lesser time?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Ajmer has excellent rail and road connections. It is only 136 km. away from Jaipur. Under the existing policy, no green field airport is to be developed within an aerial distance of ISO km. of an existing airport.

Formulation of new Civil Aviation Policy

93. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are evolving a new Civil Aviation Policy; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) A new draft of the National Policy on Civil Aviation is under formulation.

Privatisation of Airports

94. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for privatisation of major airports in metros;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether these airports have been identified; and

(d) if so, which are these airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) The Government has decided to corporatise the airports at Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Calcutta for the following reasons:

(i) attract private investment for upgradation of these airports to world class;

(ii) improve the standards of services/facilities;

(iii) bring about improvement in managerial efficiency and productivity.

Development of Unused Airstrips in Andhra Pradesh

95. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether airstrips at Cuddapah, Warrangal, Rajahmundry, Adilabad and Nagarjunsagar are in disuse; and

(b) the steps taken to develop these five airstrips to ease traffic growth in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The Airstrips at Cuddapah, Warrangal, Adilabad and Nagarjunsagar are non-operational. However, Pawan Hans & Oil and Natural Gas Commission operate Helicopter services from Rajahmundry Airport.

(b) Airports Authority of India has no proposal to develop these airports as no airline has indicated any plan to operate from these airports.

Policy on use of abandoned Aerodromes

96. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Central Government regarding the abandoned aerodromes spread all over the country;

(b) whether the State Government of Tripura has submitted a proposal for taking over the land of Khowai aerodrome for utilising the land for public use; and

(c) the reaction of his Ministry to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) The State Government of Tripura has submitted a proposal for taking over the land of Khowai Aerodrome for utilising the land for public use. A new Civil Aviation Policy is under